

SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

CONSENT NUMBER: WCRC: RC-2023-0046, GDC: LUN3154/23

APPLICANT: TIGA MINERALS AND METALS LTD

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Establish and operate a mineral sands mine, including construction of associated infrastructure.

LOCATION: Barrytown Flats, west of State Highway 6 (Coast Road), 9km south of Punakaiki township and 36km north of Greymouth.

PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS

Full name/s: Rachel Leonora Harris

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I am the joint owner [REDACTED]

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Signature of the submitter: Rachel Harris

Date: 12.10.2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): RACHEL HARRIS

I OPPOSE the application.

I do not wish to be heard and hereby make my submission in writing only.

I have not served a copy of my submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA. I expect the joint councils will fulfil this courtesy to the applicant, so that they understand concerns and issues raised in opposition to their application.

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I request, pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

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consider should not be disclosed. West Coast Regional Council 388 Main South Road, Paroa, Greymouth 7805 PO Box 66, Greymouth 7840 Telephone (03) 768 0466 Toll Free 0508 800 118 Facsimile (03) 768 7133 Email info@wrc.govt.nz Website www.wrc.govt.nz Grey District Council 105 Tainui Street PO Box 382 Greymouth, 7840, planning@greydc.govt.nz 03 769 8600 Note to submitter Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission): • it is frivolous or vexatious: • it discloses no reasonable or relevant case: • it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further: • it contains offensive language: • it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

My submission is as follows:

Lack of transparency

At the TiGa Minerals public meeting at Barrytown, Tuesday 10 October 2023, Mr Brand stated that the company were only seeking a 12-year consent, working only five of those and assured attendees “This would be the end of it.”

This contradicts their public statement at the West Coast Minerals Forum in May 2023 that they would “Increase its permit area and are confident there are enough minerals for a long-term project”.

“We’re comfortable there’s a long-term project for us and for others.” Mining permits and land access were in place, and the resource consent application had just been submitted. It also wants to increase the mine permit area by over 1000ha. He expected work would start on the ground in late 2024: “It’s achievable.” Bureaucracy was not to be feared, but managed, he said. (Source: Grey Star, Saturday, 27 May 2023).

The company has stated it will pursue further consent applications for the Barrytown Flats, despite maintaining the current application would be the only one and the impacts would be minimal.

TiGa has an obligation to the Barrytown community to be completely transparent about its current and future plans as the implications of a wider permit area would affect a great deal more residents and ratepayers in this area, as well as over-reach the current parameters of their scope of works.

Proximity of site to residential property

The proposed site and future proposed work sites are/will be located too close to residential homes. There are homes located less than 500 metres from proposed work sites, I consider this too close for anyone in a rural residential environment to comfortably be unaffected by site work operations, particularly with ongoing noise from machinery between the hours of 5am and 10pm.

Hours of operation

In operating the proposed site from 5am to 10pm, 7 days a week, the company has not considered the impact of near-continual operational works on residents living within close range of the site. This would be an untenable situation for those living close-by, with noise, vibration, dust, construction work, truck and machinery movements constantly disturbing locals for a currently unspecified future timeframe.

Vegetation bunds

For those residing at an elevated level/hill-top along the Coast Road, the proposed roadside vegetation bunds to hide the visual impacts and minimise noise from the proposed site and any other future site would be futile and impractical as we already overlook the farmland below and out to sea.

Noise

Likewise, noise from land below us already travels up towards the hills and echoes along this narrow strip of land. Construction site noise will reverberate much further from the proposed site location, affecting many more people.

Potential loss of residents

If noise and disruption became unsustainable for those affected by proposed and any future works, we will lose families from the area, many of whom have children that attend the local school in Barrytown. The school roll has recently increased as new families have moved into the area, but this could reverse as a result of considerable ongoing disruption.

Property valuations

Property valuations will inevitably be impacted along the Coast Road, particularly those that live within close proximity of any current operational site. At the public meeting, Mr Brand said he did not know how property values would be affected, but it is safe to assume that an industrial project is not considered a desirable selling point, therefore, QV would note that as a buyer objection, and devalue the market valuation on the property. Coast Road properties have been increasing in recent years without any mining operation taking place, because of the high value of the views and outstanding natural beauty of the area and an increasing number of sales to those who wish to enjoy the lifestyle here.

Tourism 'The Great Coast Road' has been named one of the top ten coastal drives in the world according to travel giant Lonely Planet. That reputation would be shattered by an ongoing industrial project with currently no specified end timeframes and would affect local tourism businesses.

I seek the following decision from the Local Authority:

For the reasons stated above that the application be declined in its entirety.